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Mayo Rally

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will hold their Annual Radio Rally, in the Welcome Inn Hotel,

Castlebar on Sunday the 12th of October 2014. All major traders will be present. For further details and booking of tables, please contact the Rally Director, Padraic EI9JA on 0876957154.

West Tyrone Conference 2014



The West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club will be holding their Annual Conference in The Village Inn,

Killyclougher, Old Mountfield Road, Omagh, County Tyrone on Saturday the 4th of October. Doors open at 10:30 with the Conference starting at 11:00 sharp. Guest speakers from around the UK and Ireland will be delivering presentations on various aspects of Amateur Radio. There will be Trade and Exhibition facilities and a Bring and Buy stand. Further information from: www.wtarc.net

Amateur Radio Licence Exam.

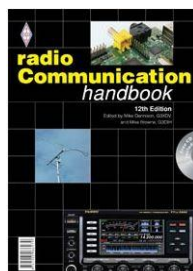
The next Amateur Radio Licence Examination will be held on Thursday the 27th of November at the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee, and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Tuesday the 11th of November. For further information, check the IRTS website at www.irts.ie/downloads where useful information may be found for those studying for the examination.

OO4CLM Special Event Station



The Special Event Station commemorating the Liberation of Knokke, by Canadian Troops in 1944, will be in operation from the 16th of October to the 15th of November. A special Callsign, OO4CLM, will be used on this occasion. More information about the station and how to obtain an award may be found at: www.oo4clm

New Publication



The New 12th Edition of the Radio Communication Handbook, published by the RSGB, is now available. The handbook has been thoroughly updated with many expanded features. A new chapter, following the design and construction of an HF transceiver, provides a host of valuable information and circuit ideas. Enclosed with the handbook, is a fully searchable electronic version, in PDF format, on a CD. The Handbook retails at **£27.99** and is a heavy item so postage may be high. It would be worthwhile obtaining this item from the RSGB Stand at the West Tyrone Conference to save on postal charges.

Region 1 Conference



The 23rd General Conference of IARU Region 1, held in Varna, Bulgaria, opened on Sunday the 21st of September with 43 members present and 17 members represented by proxies. Items for discussion at the conference included the declining numbers of active Radio Amateurs, Spectrum Development and Protection via the ITU and CEPT, Youth in Radio, and EMC. A new Executive Committee for 2104 – 2017 was formed with Don Beattie, G3BJ, elected as President, and Dave Court EI3IO, from the IRTS, elected as a Committee Member. A full report of the proceedings will be available in due course from the IARU website www.iaru-r1.org



Liquid Electrical Tape

Liquid Electrical Tape is an air-dried synthetic rubber coating which can be brushed on and exhibits moisture, acid, alkaline, abrasion and dielectric resistance. It remains flexible even under extreme conditions and will not crack, harden or peel and insulates to over 1380 volts. It has been used by Amateurs to stop moisture ingress and to insulate solder and crimp joints on wire antennas. It is probably more effective than self-amalgamating tape. Liquid Tape is also available in a Spray Can. See www.plastidip.co.uk.

Members Advertisements

For Sale

FT 2000 in good condition with latest firmware added, original box, MH31 mic and Manual

€1650

FT736R 2m & 70cm base radio in good condition, complete with manual, mic and original box

€550

FT100 working well, boxed, hand mic, manual and separation kit

€300

FT290R in good condition, working well, white led backlight and YM47 mic

€75

These sets will be available at the Mayo Rally if not already sold.

Contact Dominic EI9JS - 0868941900

Cushcraft R8 HF Vertical dismantled but complete in excellent condition, and stored indoors. Comes complete with guying kit.

€ 350 ono

Contact John EI8JA - 087 9437500

Silent Key Sale

Yaesu FT-101ZD Transceiver

Yaesu FC-902 ATU

Yaesu SP-901P Speaker

SEM Tran-Z-Match ATU

Enquiries and offers to Joe Ryan

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Contests

Contests – October 2014

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

04 0800z, 24 hours – Oceania DX: SSB: exchange Serials, work Oceania only.

05 0600z, 04 hours – UBA ON Contest: SSB 80m: exchange Serials, work Belgium only.

08 1900z, 60 mins – RSGB 80m Sprint: CW: exchange both calls & Serial & Name, work UK only

11 0800z, 24 hours – Oceania DX: CW: exchange Serials, work Oceania only.

11 1200z, 24 hours – Scandinavian Activity Contest: SSB: exchange Serials.

12 0600z, 04 hours – UBA ON Contest: CW 80m: exchange Serials, work Belgium only.

18 1400z, 12 hours – NY QSO Party: All mode: work NY State only: Send "DX", log County Code.

18 1500z, 24 hours – Stew Perry Topband: CW 160m: exchange 4-character Locator.

23 1900z, 60 mins – RSGB 80m Sprint: SSB: exchange both calls & Serial & Name, work UK only

25 0000z, 48 hours – CQWW DX: SSB: exchange CQ Zone (14 for EI/GI entrants).

[SD by EI5DI](#) – free logging software for most CW/SSB contests from ei5di.com